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Crafts festival planned

The Blackstone Chamber of Commerce, Inc., has announced plans for its Fifteenth Annual Arts and Crafts Festival. The dates and times for the festival are Saturday, Sept. 22 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday, Sept. 23 from noon to 6 p.m.

The Show will be housed in the Blackstone Memorial Center and adjacent National Guard Armory.

Participating in the festival will be talented local artisans and craftsmen, as well as craftsmen state-wide and from out-of-state, who will demonstrate their handiwork and offer items for sale. There is no admission charged to this Chamber sponsored event.

Any individual interested in participating should send a self-addressed stamped envelope to the Blackstone Arts and Crafts Festival, P.O. Box 295, Blackstone, Virginia 23824.

Contel seeks rate increase for May 7

Continental Telephone of Virginia has recently filed a request with the Virginia State Corporation Commission (SCC) for a $23.9 million rate increase, said William Dales, president of Continental Telephone of Virginia.

The company, which was granted its last increase of $5.7 million in November 1982, requests the rates become effective May 7, 1984.

If the new rates are approved, the average monthly increase for basic local service will be 45 percent, Dales said.

Continental's filing includes larger calling areas for many customers and optional calling plans to help customers reduce their local service charges. Dales cites reason why the rate increase is necessary: deregulation of telephone sets, effects of the AT&T divestiture on long distance revenues, and increased operating expenses.

Deregulation of telephone sets in January 1983 caused local service revenues to decline because the number of lease telephones decreased, Dales said.

"At the end of 1981 we were leasing 350,000 telephones. Now we are leasing 238,000 phones. This reduction in leased telephones represents a loss of more than $3.5 million in annual revenues," he said.

With the breakup of the Bell System, Jan. 1, 1984, the process by which Continental received long distance revenues ended. Starting June 13, the company will be compensated for toll operations by access charges from inter-city long distance carriers.

"However," Dales said, "the revenues from these access charges will not cover our long distance operations. There will be a shortfall of several million dollars."

Continental's operating expenses have increased $2.9 million since December 1981.

Dales says the 10.18 percent rate of return authorized from the last rate case is not adequate in today's economic enviroment. "We believe our current rate of return should be between 10.81 and 10.98 percent," he said.

Continental Telephone of Virginia has a total investment of $442,437,999 in equipment and facilities. The company has spent $93,642,166 in equipment and facilities since its last rate hike.

Continental has spent $9,066,016 in this area from 1979 to 1983. The major expenditures are: Installed new computer equipment in Amherst equipment office and smaller computer equipment in Sardis, Union Hill and Sweet Briar; Completed major recabling in Amherst exchange; Added pushbotton service, direct dialing for international calls, and Calling Card service to all exchanges; Added Custom Calling features to Amherst and Sweet Briar; Added emergency generators to all exchanges; Installed computer telephone line testing equipment; Changed all pay phones to prepay except Raphine; Installed new long distance transmission equipment in Amherst; Added and/or replaced 6,166 equipment office lines; Added 963 new access lines.

Continental provides service to the following exchanges in this area: Amherst, Raphine, Paint Bank, Pamplin, Appomattox, Newport, New Castle, Sweet Briar, Allwood and Gladstone.

Named to dean's list

Two Pamplin students have been named to the dean's list at Virginia Tech for the winter quarter.

Timmy Tolley, son on Mr. and Mrs. G.H. Tolley, Jr., and Keith Dickerson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Dickerson have been named to the dean's list at VPI.

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BUSINESS

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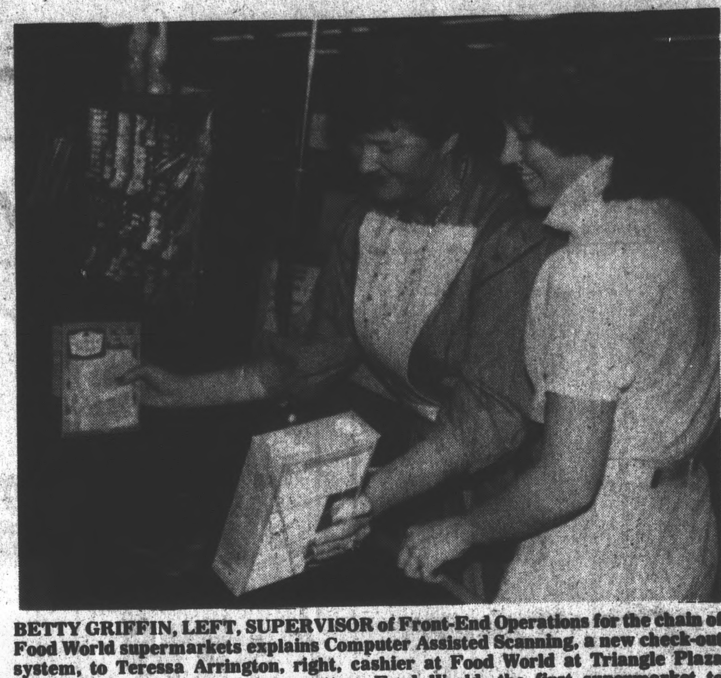
FFA members cited

Twenty-nine members of the Appomattox Senior Chapter Future Farmers of America were elected to the degree of Chapter Farmers in ceremonies held at Appomattox County High School during the regular FFA meeting.

Those members elected to this second degree of membership include Roger Abbitt, Joe Arrighi, James Baldwin, Bobby Bryant, Robert Chenault, Michael Franklin, Chip Garrett, Todd Garrett, Mike Hamlett, Darryl Hurt, Chip Irvin, Joseph Johnson, Jim Kennon, Kevin Kidd, Larry Mabry, Keith Martin, Wayne Martin, Curtis Moore, Corey Murphy, David O'Brien, Scott Phelps, Craig Ranson, Chris Reynolds, Gerald Ryan, Jeff Scruggs, Thad Shumaker, Tracie Starner, Troy Totty and Mike Woods.

Advancement to the Chapter Farmer Degree required that the members demonstrate leadership skills, a knowledge of Parliamentary Procedure, carry out a supervised occupational experience program, participate in FFA activities and meet other requirements. The Chapter Farmer Degree is the highest degree of membership that a local FFA chapter may award a member. Chapter officers conducted a formal initiation ceremony following election of the candidates to their new degrees.

DAVID REED (standing, far left) of Appomattox is one of the recently elected directors of the Virginia Angus Association. Other officers and directors for 1984 include (seated, from left) John Pyne Jr., Culpeper, outgoing president; Carl Craig Jr., Middlebrook, treasurer; Greg May, Richmond, president; Doug McIntire, White Post, vice president; and Tom Templeton, Charlottesville, executive secretary-fieldman. Standing, from left, David Reed, Appomattox; Garfield Douglas, Marion; Dr. A.V. Bartenslager, Churchville; Ken Elmore, Middlebrook; T.D. Steele, Salem; Al Stroobants, Lynchburg; Walter Johnson, Gordonsville; Bill Park, Skipwith; Sue Rucker, Delaplane; and Jerry Matthews, Assawoman. Photo by American Angus Association.



BETTY GRIFFIN, LEFT, SUPERVISOR of Front-End Operations for the chain of Food World supermarkets explains Computer Assisted Scanning, a new check-out system, to Teressa Arrington, right, cashier at Food World at Triangle Plaza Shopping Center here in Appomattox. Food World, the first supermarket to introduce Computer Assisted Scanning in North Carolina, plans to have the new check-out system in operation in the local store by Thursday of this week. Scanning offers several advantages to the consumer, including increased speed and accuracy at the check-out, plus detailed registered tape that can be used for budgeting or making price comparisons. But the greatest advantage is an increase in efficiency which means a savings that can be passed on to the customer. (Photo by Frances Abbitt.)

FBLA holds April meeting in county

The Appomattox County High School Future Business Leaders of America held its monthly meeting Wednesday, April 4. FBLA member of the month was Karen Stevens. Candidates running for offices for the upcoming year gave their campaign speeches. Members voted in their business classes Thursday. New officers are as follows: President - Richard Steadman, First Vice President - Frances Cashwell, Second Vice President - Tim Seamster, Secretary - Kim Druen, Treasurer - Shannon Elder, Historian - Marsha Cheatham, Chaplain - Kandy Driskill.

A "Price is Right" game was then held. Members were able to come on stage and bid on various prizes. Lucky winners were: Timmy Garrison-hand telephone; Terrilyn Moore-calculator; and Patricia Prince-student kit.

The FBLA State Convention is April 13-15 in Roanoke. Ten members, three advisors, and one guest will represent Appomattox. Some members will participate in various competitions, such as Parliamentary Law and Ms. FBLA. Others will attend various educational meetings throughout the weekend.

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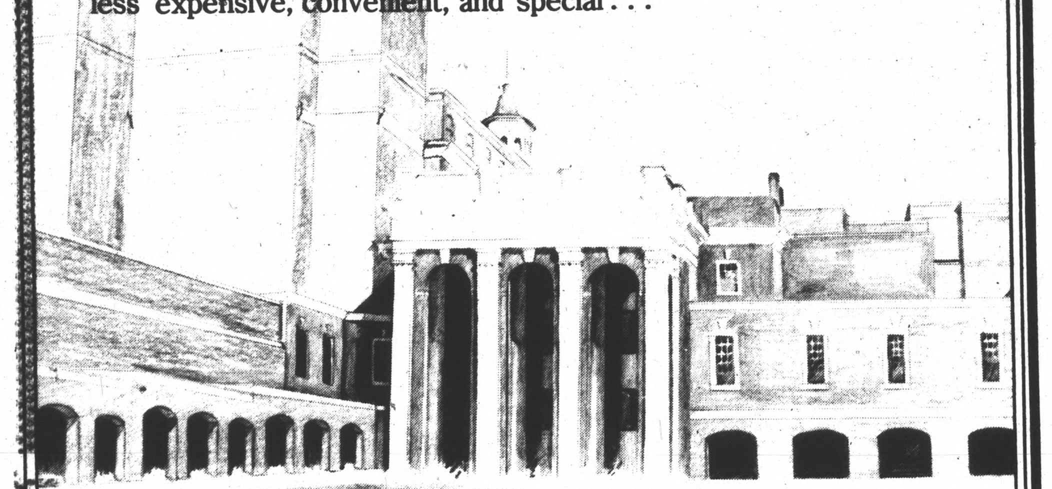

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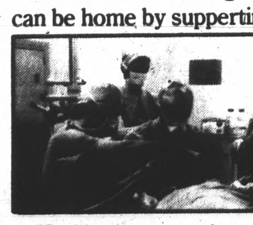

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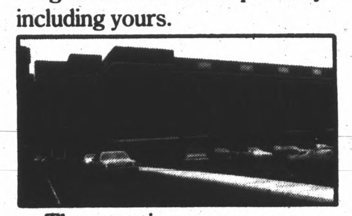

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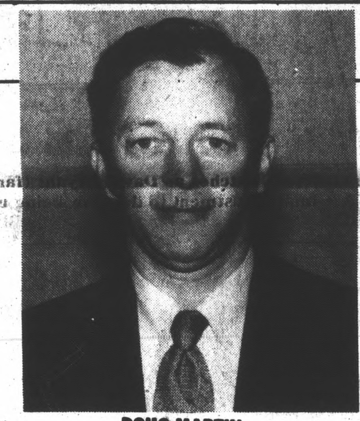

DOUG MARTIN

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Land lab committee nears goal

The Appomattox County FFA Alumni Association has come within $8,500 of its goal of raising $22,000 for the purchase of a land laboratory adjacent to Appomattox County High School.

To date, $13,750 has been raised for use in purchasing the $22,000 parcel of land, according to Dick Carter, chairman of the Land Lab Purchase Fundraising Committee.

Carter notes that a deed has been received and recorded conveying the 19.27 - acre tract from Mr. and Mrs. Fred Jones to the Alumni Association. The Alumni Association in turn signed a deed of trust, securing the property. The note is in the amount of $11,000.

"We're making an all-out effort to raise the remaining $8,500," Carter said. Bobby Waddell, who is also a member of the fundraising committee, notes that a large number of local businesses and individuals have already donated money to the land lab fundraising effort. "We're hoping that with a concentrated effort, we'll be able to go over the top (of the fundraising target) in a short period of time," Waddell says.

Carter notes that the main advantage of the FFA Alumni owning the parcel of land is that ownership will ensure the property will always be used for the FFA and vocational agriculture.

Uses of the land lab will include model and demonstration plots and projects in wildlife, forestry, conservation, and crop production, livestock production, machinery operation, and various other types of agricultural enterprises.

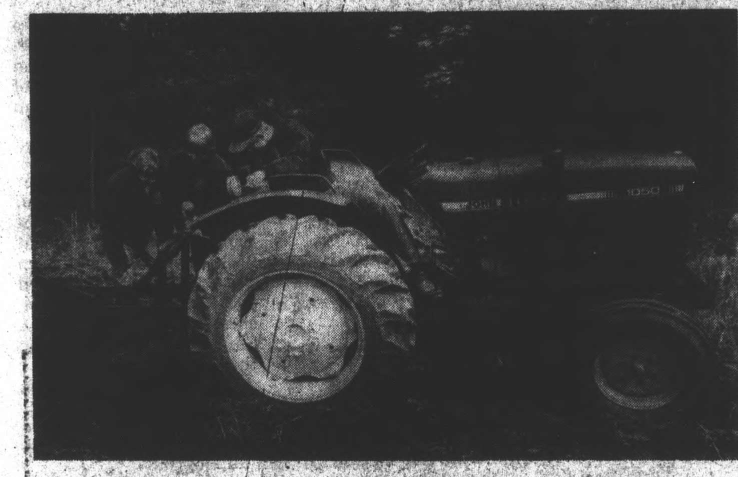
A nature trail and outdoor classroom have been designed on the tract, and these will give students at the school, as well as members of the community a place to hike and observe Mother Nature.

With Carter and Waddell, members of the Land Lab Fundraising Committee include Marvin J. House, Jr., Jim Nolen, H. B. Pack, Jr., and W. C. Dudley, and William Perrow.

Anyone wishing to make a contribution to the land lab project may contact any member of the fundraising committee or send their check to the Appomattox FFA Alumni, Land Lab Contribution, Route 4, Box 47, Appomattox, Va., 24522. Checks should be made payable to Marvin J. House, treasurer of the fundraising committee.

Teaching in the outdoor classroom

BOB McCLENNY (far left) and Bobby Waddell (second from left) share with some of the students enrolled in vocational agriculture at the Appomattox County High School a status of the planning being done on the land laboratory. It is anticipated that the long range planning committee of the Appomattox FFA Alumni Association will have a full report to the membership by October, 1984. It is further projected that the complete debt will be retired by June 1, 1984. Other members of the long range planning committee include Barry Sauls, H.B. Pack, W. C. Dudley, Robert Coleman, Richard Jones, Hugh Tanner, Dennis Torrence William Perrow. Membership in the Appomattox FFA Alumni Association was at a record level in 1983 with 60 members.



Students prepare a seedbed

TONY MANN (seated on tractor) watches as David Bryant (far left) and Stuart Cheatham (center) make a final adjustment to the plow being used to prepare a seedbed at the land laboratory. Plans for the land laboratory will set aside definite plots for growing of specific crops and wildlife feed patches. Also, the land laboratory will provide an opportunity for students in the farm machinery option at Appomattox County High School to become trained in making proper adjustments to farm equipment.

Sharing the plans

BOB McCLENNY, soil conservationist and chairman of the Appomattox FFA Alumni Association Long Range Planning Committee, reviews with Cecil Jacobs (far left), Lynn Padgett (second on left), and Cat Ballowe (second on right), officers of the Appomattox County FFA Chapter, a map giving the soil classifications of the newly purchased Land Laboratory. The soil classification was completed by Mr. Bill Kitchel and Mr. Tom Saxton, soil survey team which is presently mapping Appomattox County. "We needed the soil classification map before further planning of the site," states Bob McClenny.

A six-year heritage

THE FFA LAND LABORATORY was started some six years ago on land belonging to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Jones. In November, 1983, the Appomattox FFA Alumni Association, Inc. purchased the site for use by the two vocational agriculture departments in the Appomattox School Division. Bobby Waddell (far left), Lynn Padgett (second on right) and Robert McClenny are shown surveying a marker used in identifying the original work on the site.

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Concord fundraiser set

The Concord Fireman's Carnival is planned for Friday, Apriil 27 at the Concord School.

The good times get underway at 5 p.m. with a supper menu offering ham or turkey with dressing, gravy, sweet potatoes, butter beans, rolls, dessert, coffee or tea; only $4.00 with two meats; $3.50 with one meat; and $2.50 child's plate.

After supper there will be all kinds of family fun including Dunk The Fireman, Ring The Bell, Milk Can Throw, Bingo, Parcel Post, Ring Toss, Spin The Bottle, Milk Bottle Throw, and an auction. If that isn't enough, try the Muffin Pan Game, Tic-Tac-Toe and Lucky Duck.

The Virginia Playmates will provide music for dancing beginning at 8:30.

Seven door prizes will be given away including a country ham. Tickets are available from members of the Concord Volunteer Fire Department at $1. each. Also available at businesses in Concord.

Proceeds from the carnival go to the Concord Volunteer Fire Department.

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To All Interested Agencies, Groups and Persons:

On March 21, 1984, the Town of Appomattox published a ***Notice Of Intent To Request Release Of Funds,*** advising the public that the Town would request release of funds under Title I for the following activities:

Sanitary Sewer Improvements
Town of Appomattox, Virginia
$1,278,000 - estimated cost of project

An error was made in the publication regarding the time period during which objections, based on procedural grounds, would be received from the public. Please note that the agency to receive such comments is:

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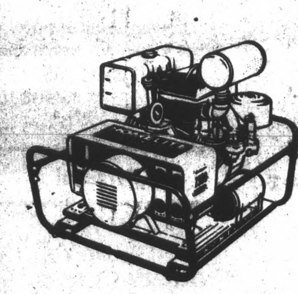

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